

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, October 9, 2003 at the Troy Community Center, room 503. Chairman, Larry Jose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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| Present: | Larry Jose, member | Kathleen Fejes, member |
| | Merrill Dixon, member | Ida Edmunds, member |
| | Orestes Kaltsounis, member | Tom Krent, member |
| | Jeff Stewart, member | Amy Kerns, member |
| | Jan Zikakis, member | Jeff Biegler, staff |
| | Stuart Alderman, staff | Carol K. Anderson, staff |

Absent: Doug Bordas, Meaghan Kovacs

Visitors: Mitch Grusnick, Leonard Bertin, Dorothy Pietron, Susan Burt, Cynthia Buchanan, Nancy Johnson, Angela Done

Resolution # PR - 2003 - 10 - 07

Moved by Kaltsounis

Seconded by Fejes

RESOLVED, that the minutes from September 11, 2003 are approved as submitted.

Yeas: All 9

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR - 2003 - 10 - 08

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Edmunds

RESOLVED, that absent members are excused.

Yeas: All 9

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Joint Meeting with Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities - The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities met to discuss accessibility in parks, facilities and recreation programs and the possible addition of an Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities representative on the Park Board. There is a common interest of serving all people in the community. Jeff Biegler stated that currently the play structures in our parks either meet or exceeds ADA

standards, picnic tables have extended tops to accommodate wheelchairs and that our goal is to have asphalt pathways to the picnic shelters. Stu Alderman mentioned that the Community Center recently purchased fitness equipment to accommodate wheelchairs.

As we are looking at plans for park development, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities could be a resource. A set of plans will be sent to Mitch Grusnick for review by the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities. They will advise the Park Board of ways we could improve these plans for the disabled.

A consensus was reached that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board does not need another member, however a copy of our Agenda will be sent to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities so that members can attend meetings where topics pertaining to the disabled are discussed. Insight provided by ACPD members is desirable and always welcome.

Resolution # PR - 2003 - 10 - 09

Moved by Kaltsounis

Seconded by Krent

RESOLVED, that the monthly agenda for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be sent to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

Ayes: All 9

Nays: None

Staff Reports

A. Directors Report - There will be a meeting with residents of the Nelson Drain site and cricket players on October 13 at 6:30 at the Community Center. The City Council will discuss Cricket site development at the October 27, 2003 meeting.

A packet regarding the Parks and Recreation fee structure will be going to City Council. We are looking to use the distributive method in setting fees for programs. As our programming grows, the subsidy may remain the same and we are looking at alternative methods of funding.

B. Recreation Report - The Nature Center exhibit masterplan will be complete within the next month.

Registration for some upcoming special events is high: Breakfast with Santa has 175 spots filled out of 250 and the Mother-Son Pool Party has 70 spots filled out of 90.

C. Parks Report - Landscaping and irrigation projects on north and southbound Rochester Road between I-75 and Torpey and I-75 to Rochester on Big Beaver will begin soon.

The roof at Sylvan Glen pro shop and Camp Ticonderoga will be replaced.

The parks crew is busy closing the parks for the winter: shutting off the water, closing down the restrooms and removal of annuals. All summer laborers will be gone by the end of October. At that time we will begin tree planting, pruning and snow removal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Larry Jose, Chairman

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary